

Existing constitution (Const. Art. III, §11) requires that there be a legislative auditor responsible solely to the legislature who serves as fiscal advisor to the legislature and performs duties provided by law related to auditing fiscal records of the state, its agencies, and political subdivisions. Requires that he be elected by the concurrence of a majority of the elected members of each house and provides for his removal by the concurrence of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

Existing law (R.S. 24:511) requires that the legislative auditor be a duly qualified elector and a competent accountant and serve at the pleasure of the legislature.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law provided for filling a vacancy in the office on a temporary basis with the concurrence of the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairman of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council, or any two of them, until such time as the vacancy is filled by the legislature.

New law provides for filling a vacancy in the office on a temporary basis with the concurrence of the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairman and vice chairman of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council, or any three of them, until such time as the vacancy is filled by the legislature.

New law creates the Special Recommendation Commission to recommend person(s) to permanently fill a vacancy in the office of legislative auditor. Provides that the commission be comprised of the president and president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, the chairman and vice chairman of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council, and the chairman, or the vice chairman if designated to serve by the chairman, of each of the following:

- (1) The Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee.